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For: COMPOSITION COMPRISING 5-[4-[2-(N-METHYL-N-2-

PYRIDYL)AMINO)ETHOXY|BENZYL|THIAZOLIDINE-2,4-DIONE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.